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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: ADCI's Worldwide Briefing of the House Armed Services Committee

1. On 20 February 1987, the House Armed Services Committee was briefed in Room 2118, Rayburn House Office Building, on worldwide challenges to US interests. The room was \_\_\_\_\_ security, and a transcript was kept. The presentation was at the Top Secret Codeword level.

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2. The following members were present:

Les Aspin (Chairman) (D., WI)  
 Charles E. Bennett (D., FL)  
 Samuel S. Stratton (D., NY)  
 Dan Daniel (D., VA)  
 G.V. Montgomery (D., MS)  
 Beverly B. Byron (D., MD)  
 Nicholas Mavroules (D., MD)  
 Earl Hutto (D., FL)  
 Norman Sisisky (D., VA)  
 John M. Spratt, Jr. (D., SC)  
 Frank McCloskey (D., IN)  
 Joseph E. Brennan (D., ME)  
 Owen B. Pickett (D., VA)  
 Bob Stump (R., AZ)  
 Larry J. Hopkins (R., KY)  
 John R. Kasich (R., OH)  
 Herbert H. Bateman (R., NY)  
 Ben Blaz (R., GUAM)  
 John G. Rowland (R., CT)  
 Arthur Ravenel, Jr. (R., SC)  
 David Skaggs (D., CO)

3. Congressional staff present were:

G. Kim Wincup, Staff Director  
 Nancy Jones  
 Peter M. Steffes  
 William H. Hogan, Jr.

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4. The Following Agency personnel were also present:

Robert Gates, ADCI	
Lawrence K. Gershwin, NIO/SP	
[redacted] ANIO/USSR	25X1
Frederick L. Wettering, NIO/AF	
Daniel Webster, NIO/NESA	
Robert Vickers, Jr., NIO/LA	
John Bird, NIO/W	
Carl W. Ford, Jr., NIO/EA	
[redacted] ANIO/EUR	25X1
David Gries, D/OCA	
[redacted] OCA	25X1
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5. Following the ADCI's opening remarks (attached), HASC members asked questions on the war in Nicaragua, the commitment of the new Soviet leadership to introducing economic and political reforms, Soviet intentions vis-a-vis Afghanistan, the prospects for arms control and the value of the intelligence information [redacted] 25X1

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[redacted] At one point [redacted] reminded the members that some of the issues being raised were operational in nature and could not be answered by those present. 25X1

7. A number of questions required additional research for the record. Rep. Byron asked about the Soviet presence in Antarctica--and a copy of the response has been appended to the transcript. Congressman Kasich (R., OH) expressed concern with Soviet ASAT testing and requested an unclassified letter from the Agency outlining our concerns. Kasich indicated that the fact that the Soviets had not halted ASAT development was politically significant and we were perhaps not doing enough to broadcast this fact.

8. The briefing lasted approximately two hours and there were no major substantive or logistical problems.

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